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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement drawing sheets contain amendments to Figures 2 and 6. Please substitute the attached sheets for the original drawing sheets containing Figures 2 and 6.

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Page 8**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 7, 9-18, and 20-23 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 9-18, and 20-23 will be pending.

In the Office Action mailed February 26, 2007:

- Claims 1-3, 7, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,326,766 to Small ("Small").
- Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Small in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,192 to Kfoury ("Kfoury").
- Claims 11-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Small in view of Kfoury in further view of U.S. Patent 6,014,009 to Wierzbicki ("Wierzbicki").
- Claims 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 23 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Small in view of Wierzbicki.

To the extent that these rejections might still be applied to the pending claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. The remarks below are organized under subheadings corresponding to each rejection.

Rejection Of Claims 1-3, 7, And 21 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Amended claim 1 now recites an apparatus comprising a body and a battery drawer cover that is secured within the body. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in

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paragraphs [0023]-[0024] and Figure 6, which disclose a battery drawer cover 600 that is secured inside a body 400. When secured inside the body, the battery drawer cover is configured to allow movement of a drawer underneath the battery cover (paragraph [0023]), yet cover the cavity 203 such that it is not possible to access cavity 203 even if the interior compartment of the base station body 400 is exposed as shown in Figures 4 and 5 (paragraph [0024]).

The teachings of Small relied upon to support the rejection of claim 1 teach none of these features. The cover of 210 disclosed in Small is not secured inside a body, as recited in claim 1, but rather forms a portion of the outside of body 210. Moreover, element 210 is not secured within a body, but rather is designed to be reversibly rotatable on the outside of body 200 in order to provide access to batteries. Therefore, element 210 of Small cannot be fairly construed to read upon the feature of claim 1, wherein a battery drawer cover is *secured inside* a body. At least for this reason, Small fails to anticipate claim 1, and therefore fails to anticipate claims 2-3, 7, and 21. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Rejection Of Claim 10 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of claim 10 was predicated upon the rejection of claim 1, from which it depends. Because Small fails to teach all the elements recited in claim 1 for the reasons stated above, it would be improper to maintain the rejection of claim 10 as being unpatentable over Small in view of Kfoury. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection Of Claims 11-16 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claim 11 has been amended to recite a combination ejector and electrical circuit maker *disposed inwardly within the body with respect to any rechargeable battery held in*

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the battery drawer. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in Figures 4-6 and the relevant discussion, such as paragraph [0025].

To support the rejection of claim 11, the Examiner asserted that catch 224, release 225, and strip 259 of Figure 17 of Small disclose a combination ejector and electrical circuit maker. However, those elements clearly fail to disclose a combination ejector and electrical circuit maker *disposed inwardly* within the body with respect to any rechargeable battery held in the battery drawer, as recited in amended claim 11. As clearly shown in Figure 17 of Small, release 225 and catch 224 are disposed *outwardly* with respect to any rechargeable battery held inside the body of system 200 of Small. Accordingly, the teachings of Small, in view of Kfoury and Wierzbicki, are deficient in at least this manner with respect to the features recited in amended claim 11. Likewise, Small in view of Kfoury and Wierzbicki must fail to teach all of the features recited in claims 12-16, all of which depend from claim 11 and thereby include the complete combination of features recited in claim 11. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection Of Claims 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, And 23 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 9 depends from independent claim 1, and therefore includes at least one feature not disclosed in Small, as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, the teachings of Small, in view of Wierzbicki, are deficient in at least this manner with respect to the features recited in amended claim 9. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

To support the rejection of claim 17, the Examiner asserted that Wierzbicki discloses a battery drawer wherein, when the battery drawer is released to be in an open state, the at least one spring acts to push the battery drawer away from the protrusion, such that any electrical

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circuit previously established is opened, as recited in claim 17. The Examiner stated that Figure 2 of Wierzbicki illustrates that rechargeable battery 27 is pushed out of device 11 when released. Although, as arguably illustrated in Figure 7A of Wierzbicki, a rechargeable battery may be pushed into or released from a device 11, Wierzbicki does not disclose that a battery *drawer* is being pushed out of the device; rather, only the battery itself is being pushed out. At least for this reason, the combination of Small and Wierzbicki fails to teach or suggest all of the elements recited in claim 17. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn. For at least the same reason, claims 20 and 23, which depend from claim 17, are also patentable over the combination of Small and Wierzbicki, and their rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) also should be withdrawn.

Claim 22 depends from intervening claim 7 and base claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 22 was predicated upon the rejection of claim 1, from which it depends. Because Small fails to teach all the elements recited in claim 1 for the reasons stated above, it would be improper to maintain the rejection of claim 22 as being unpatentable over Small in view of Wierzbicki. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Amendments To The Drawings

Figures 2 and 6 have been amended to correct inadvertent truncations of lead lines that occurred when formal drawings were prepared in a previous Amendment.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

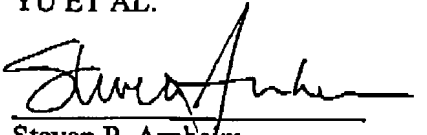
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